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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.181** RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT NOT RECEIVED

This Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-captioned application. A Notice of Abandonment dated July 1, 2003, copy of which is enclosed, was received on July 3, 2003, stating that Applicants failed to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 6, 2002. Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement was never received by Applicants' undersigned representatives ("Petitioners" herein), and that the holding of abandonment should therefore be withdrawn under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 and pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c) based on failure to receive the office action. This Petition in is being timely filed.

Petitioners hereby declare that:

- 1. On February 7, 2002, a filing receipt and a Notice to File Missing Parts dated January 31, 2002 were received by Petitioners from the PTO.
- 2. On February 19, 2002, Petitioners filed a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- 3. On February 25, 2002, Petitioners filed a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.
- On March 5, 2002, Petitioners filed an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and 4.

attendant references.

- 5. On March 29, 2002, Petitioners received a corrected filing receipt from the PTO dated March 25, 2002. On April 4, Petitioners received another corrected filing receipt from the PTO dated April 1, 2003.
- 6. A thorough search of the file jacket demonstrated that with the exception of the above-referenced documents and the return receipt postcards, which are stamped to indicate that these documents were received by the PTO, the two filing receipts are the last correspondence originating from the PTO, which were received by Petitioners regarding the above-referenced application prior to receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 1, 2003.
- 7. On or about June 23, 2003, Petitioners' undersigned representative, Raquel M. Alvarez, Esquire, contacted Examiner Angell to ascertain the status of the application. Examiner Angell informed Dr. Alvarez that the application would go abandoned for failure to respond to the restriction requirement.
- 8. Upon receipt of this information, and prior to receiving the official Notice of Abandonment on July 3, 2003, Petitioners reviewed a log of all incoming mail from the PTO for the pertinent period, *i.e.*, from November 8, 2002, through November 13, 2002, to definitively determine whether the Restriction Requirement had been received by Petitioners. That is, Petitioners' law firm, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP ("MLB"), maintains an "Incoming PTO Log," wherein all correspondence received from the PTO is routinely recorded. During the time period in question, an entry was made in the Incoming PTO Log for each piece of correspondence indicating the application number on the correspondence, the nature of the correspondence, the client matter number (attorney docket number), and the name or initials of the person to which the correspondence was routed. Docketing information was then recorded in MLB's automated docketing system for a response, including any response deadline(s) pertaining to each piece of correspondence, for the attention of the responsible attorney. If a document does not appear on the Incoming PTO Log, there is no possibility that it was received or docketed by Petitioners.
- 9. A copy of the MLB Incoming PTO Log for the period from November 8, 2002, through November 13, 2002, is attached as Exhibit A. This log demonstrates that Petitioners did not receive the office action in question because the Restriction Requirement would have been entered on the Incoming PTO Log had it been received and no such entry appears on the log.
- 10. Also attached is a copy of Petitioners' application computer docket report for the period of September 12, 2001, to present, for the above-captioned application, which is marked as Exhibit

- B. The attached printout reflects all docketed matters for the application (Ser. No. 10/022,554), including during the period in question. The application computer docket report entries for the application (referenced by case number 53689-5023, which is previous case number 54474-5005) demonstrate that the Restriction Requirement was not received by Petitioners. This is because if a Restriction Requirement had been received, it would have been duly docketed in Petitioners' computer docketing system, which would have also provided a response period for the office action. That is, if the nonreceived action had been received and docketed, a record of the Restriction Requirement, and the deadline for a response thereto, would have appeared on this computer docket report. The fact that no such entry appears on the computer docket report further demonstrates that Petitioners never received the Restriction Requirement apparently sent by the PTO on November 6, 2002.
- In addition, a search of the application file jacket was made and did not result in the paper in question being found. Based upon Petitioners' file jacket search, review of the PTO Incoming Log, and review of the computer docketing record, Petitioners believe and assert that the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 6, 2002, was never received.
- 12. In sum, Petitioners' review of the pages of Petitioners' MLB Incoming PTO Log for the period from November 8, 2002, through November 13, 2002, shows no indication of the receipt of a Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application. Further, Petitioners' review of the computer docketing entries made during that same time period reveals no docketing entries corresponding to a response deadline for any Restriction Requirement for this application. If the Restriction Requirement had been received, it would have been indicated on these records. Additionally, a search of the file jacket demonstrated that the Restriction Requirement was not received by Petitioners. Thus, Petitioners respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement was either never mailed or it was lost in the mail and that the facts averred herein amply support that the Restriction Requirement was not received by Petitioners and that the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn for failure to receive the office action.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment of this application be withdrawn and the above-captioned application (No. 10/022,554) be reinstated. Further, although Examiner Angell has kindly faxed Petitioners a courtesy copy of the original Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be remailed to Petitioners and a new statutory period for response be set therefor.

Petitioners believe that there is no fee required with respect to this Petition. However, in the event any fee is necessary, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Internal Billing No. 53689-5023).

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Exhibit A – Copy of MLB's Incoming PTO Log from November 8, 2002 through November 13, 2002 Exhibit B – Copy of Application Computer Docket Report from September 12, 2001 to present Copy of Notice of Abandonment, dated July 1, 2003

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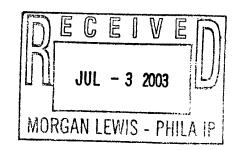


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Item 7 - Other reasons for holding abandonment: Racquel Alvarez was contacted on 6/23/03. Ms. Alvarez indicated that no restriction requirement was ever received by Applicants; therefore, no response was ever submitted. Ms. Alvarez was informed that the application was abandoned because no reply had been submitted. Ms. Alvarez was also informed that Applicants had two (2) months from the mailing date of the notice of abandonment to timely file a petition (see CFR 1.181 (f)). Furthermore, Ms. Alvarez was directed to MPEP 711.03 (c), sections I and II for guidance on filing a proper petition. The Examiner agreed to fax a copy of the restriction requirement in order to expedite prosecution.

DAVET. NGUYEN PRIMARY EXAMINER